



## Public Notice



# **Powers-Agness Highway County Section Public Open House**

The Western Federal Lands Highway Division of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), in cooperation with the Coos County Highway Department and the US Forest Service, is evaluating alternatives for a proposed project on the Powers-Agness Highway (County Road 90). The project area lies between the city of Powers and the Siskiyou National Forest boundary. The beginning point of the project is at the southern city limits of Powers; its end point is four miles south of the city, where the highway enters the Siskiyou National Forest. Coos County Road 90 is on the east side of the South Fork Coquille River throughout the project area and is adjacent to the river in several locations. The purposes of the project are: to maintain access to National Forest lands, as well as recreation, commercial, and residential uses in the project vicinity, by extending the life of the pavement and repairing or avoiding unstable slopes; to improve safety; to improve drainage; and to reduce maintenance needs.

FHWA will be holding a public open house to present the project checklist document and the alternatives being considered. A project checklist is used by FHWA as part of its data gathering process and early coordination for a proposed action. It provides an opportunity for public and governmental agencies that may be affected by the proposed action, or that may have regulatory or administrative interest, to become involved in the project development process at an early stage. The checklist document describes the project purpose and need, overall scope of the project, and alternatives being considered. The checklist also describes environmental resources in the area and includes a preliminary assessment of potential impacts. This aids in identifying issues that are important and/or have potentially negative or beneficial environmental consequences.

The proposed work would likely involve stabilizing and/or realigning portions of the roadway to reduce the risk associated with landslides, minor realignment of unsafe curves, asphalt resurfacing, and replacement of culverts and the Mill Creek Bridge.

The public open house will be held on Thursday, March 1, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Powers Senior Center, 120 Fir Street, in Powers. You are welcome to attend to learn more about the project and to provide comments on the project checklist.

The open house will be an informal setting for one-to-one exchanges between citizens and public officials. Representatives from FHWA, Coos County Highway Department, and US Forest Service will be available to discuss the proposed project and alternatives.

If you have questions or would like a copy of the project checklist please call George Fekaris, Project Manager, FHWA, at (360) 619-7766. You may also view the project checklist at our website: <http://www.wfl.fha.dot.gov/projects/oregon.htm>